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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - MCAS FUTENMA RELOCATION AND RUSSIA'S
NEW MILITARY DOCTRINE

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Thursday morning included the
likelihood that budgetary requests from government ministries for
fiscal 2010 will hit a record high, with the total amount estimated
to be over 90 trillion yen.

¶2. "Prime Minister Hatoyama Should Accept Futenma Relocation within
Okinawa" The moderate Yomiuri editorialized (10/15): "In order to
maintain the credibility of the U.S.-Japan alliance and greatly
reduce the burden on Okinawa, Prime Minister Hatoyama should alter
his policy and accept the Futenma Air Station's relocation within
Okinawa."

¶3. "Prime Minister Hatoyama Should Decide on Futenma Relocation
within Okinawa" The conservative Sankei argued in an editorial
(10/15): "The danger posed by MCAS Futenma on local residents should
be removed without delay. Pursuing Futenma relocation outside
Okinawa in an irresponsible manner will only undermine the
foundation of the U.S.-Japan alliance.... Prime Minister Hatoyama
should understand that further delays will have a negative impact on
U.S.-Japan relations. It is time for Hatoyama to quickly come to a
conclusion that may involve withdrawing his assertion that the
facility should be relocated outside Okinawa."

¶4. "Russia to Relax Conditions for Pre-Emptive Nuclear Strikes" The
liberal Asahi wrote from Moscow (10/15): "Secretary of the Security
Council of the Russian Federation Patrushev revealed in the October
14 edition of Izvestia that Russia plans to relax the conditions for
its pre-emptive nuclear strikes in its new military doctrine to be
reviewed for the first time in nine years.... U.S.-Russia talks on a
successor to START I, which will expire by the end of the year, are
proceeding, and the momentum for reducing nuclear weapons is
growing. However, it is evident that Russia intends to depend on
nuclear deterrence and maintain its position as a major nuclear
power."

